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T. R. Clover, Esq.,

St. John's College,

Cambridge, England.

Dear Mr. Clover:

There is a vacancy in the headship of the Department of Latin in University College, Toronto, through the death last summer of Professor Fletcher, whom you succeeded I think at Queen's. We may not fill the chair immediately, and yet it we were to find the right man for the position and one who was willing to accept the place we would likely do so before very long. The salary attached to the chair is four thousand dollars. We are, as the Carnegie Foundation, but classes have been introduced in the organization of the Foundation so that those who come on our staff after this will probably require to contribute for term insurance which would be valid until the time of retirement and then for annuity protection which will serve as a pension either for the professor or his widow. The terms on which the contributions will be made for the insurance and the annuity have not yet been finally decided. I expect to see that the Board of Governors will probably undertake the responsibility of either increasing the salary or paying a share at least of the annual dues. In any case there will be protection for retirement and in case of death to the widow.

Dr. Sutton wrote to you last week to ask whether there

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was any likelihood of your being willing to consider such a position if it were offered to you. The reason that I write now is that in the uncertainty of the shipping communications his letter might go astray. While we have come to no final decision as yet, your name has been constantly before us, and I would like to know, whether in case we should come to a decision soon, you would think of returning to Canada and taking up work here anew. I think you are aware of the large opportunities that are before us, particularly in view of the growth that Canada is likely to have after the war. By experience you know the type and quality of our students.

Latin is going through a very testing time. It is essential for us to have a head of the department who is a scholar and will be able to defend its position by the respect that he will create for it in the public mind.

Naturally as I am not making a definite offer to you I am not asking you for a final decision. My one object is to know whether in case the offer were made to you there will be any likelihood of your entertaining it.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.